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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
General Counsel
Inspector General

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Review of Beirut Bombing

1. The bombing of our Beirut Embassy raises many significant issues concerning the Agency mission in Lebanon, as well as in other areas where terrorist attacks pose threats to the physical security of our people. We need a formal review of the events in Beirut to ensure that we are doing everything feasible in pursuit of our mission and in providing security to our embassy and station people.

2. The directorates have been reviewing the period leading up to the bombing with the objective of defining improvements to office, division and directorate procedures. Also, the State Department has begun a review of the attack with a view to recommending changes in the Department's security procedures. It is now time for us to focus our separate reviews and to follow the Department's study in a coordinated way.

3. I have asked [redacted] to coordinate the contributions of the directorates to a formal Agency review of the bombing. He may have to organize some new work as we consider issues of new facilities and procedures in Beirut, as well as implications for other areas. [redacted] would like to have an initial discussion with your representatives on Thursday, 12 May, at 0900 in Room 7D64. You may wish to send more than one representative (e.g., NE and CTG from DO and PES and NESA from DI) to the organizational meeting to insure that we get off to a well-informed start.

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